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- 1. SECRETARIAT HAS RECENTLY BEGUN ACTIVELY STIMULATING GOVERN-MENTS REPRESENTED IN UNIDO PERMANENT COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS PREPARATIONS FOR UNIDO SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE (UNIDO-II). SECRETARIAT (SYLLA IN CAPACITY IDB SECRETARY, LE GUAY AS CHAIRMAN OF UNIDO-II SECRETARIAT WORKING PARTY) HAS SOUGHT TO SCHEDULE EARLY MEETINGS WITH EACH OF THE GEOGRAPHIC GROUPS; MEETINGS ALREADY SCHEDULED THIS WEEK WITH ASIANS, LATIN AMERICANS AND AFRICANS. ALTHOUGH GROUP B HAD INITIALLY PREFERRED DEFERRING SUCH MEETING UNTIL AFTER NOVEMBER 13 GROUP B MEETING, VIGOROUS LOBBYING BY SENIOR SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS TO MEET SECRETARIAT SCHEDULES CAUSED GROUP TO AGREE TO MEET WITH SECRETARIAT REPRESENTATIVES ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9.
- 2. WHILE SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS HAVE EXPLAINED DESIRABILITY OF MEETING ON GROUNDS THEY WISHED OUTLINE THEIR THINKING BEHIND ID/B/C.3/11, THEY ALSO CONCERNED WITH INSURING PC-II FOCUSES ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MODE AND SUBSTANCE OF FUTURE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPARATIONS. FOR

EXAMPLE, SECRETARIAT HAS PROVIDED THE SEVERAL GROUPS WITH TALKING PAPER, DATED 31 OCTOBER 1973, THAT MAKES FOLLOWING POINTS: PER-MANENT COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING "DRAFT PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS" FOR UNIDO-II: THEREFORE. "A PROCESS OF DISCUS-SIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE INITIATED AT (PC-III) AND CON-TINUE DURING ALL OF 1974." PC-III SHOULD CONSIDER (A) WHETHER RESOLUTIONS OF UNIDO-II SHOULD BE ORGANIZED AROUNG A CENTRAL THEME (E.G. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION); (B) WHETHER UNIDO-II SHOULD ADOPT RESOLUTIONS ON VARIOUS ISSUES ON WHICH DOCUMENTATION PRE-PARED BY SECRETARIAT; (C) WHETHER RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD TAKE FORM OF GENERAL DECLARATION OR SET OF SEPARATE RESOLUTIONS: (D) PROGRAM OF WORK OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR 1974 INCLUDING OB-JECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED AT APRIL, MAY AND DECEMBER SESSIONS; (E) MECHANISM OF INTERSESSIONAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE CONSULTATION; (F) HOW AND WHETHER TO KEEP OTHER UNIDO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS INFORM-ED OF PREPARATIONS; AND (G) INSTRUCTIONS TO BE GIVEN TO UNIDO SECRETARIAT.

- 3. IN ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPT TO MAKE SPECIFIC POINTS WITH SECRETARIAT IN NOVEMBER 9 MEETING, MISSION PROPOSES TO HEAR SECRETARIAT OUT AND REPORT. AT NOVEMBER 13 GROUP B MEETING WE WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH OUR COLLEAGUES CONCERNING US AND/OR GROUP B POSTURE ON POINTS RAISED BY SECRETARIAT, BUT UNREALISTIC EXPECT GROUP B MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED REACTIONS BY THAT TIME TO NOVEMBER 9 MEETINGS FROM CAPITALS. IN MISSION VIEW THIS NEED NOT PRESENT PROBLEM SINCE SUFFICIENT TIME REMAINS BEFORE PC-III TO FURTHER FORMULATE GROUP B AND/OR US POSITIONS.
- 4. IN FORMULATING US POSITION DEPT, WE ASSUME, WILL WISH IN PARTICULAR ADDRESS ASSUMPTION THAT EXTENSIVE PREPARATORY WORK REQUIRED DIRECTED AT FORMULATION OF CENTRAL DECLARATION AND/OR SERIES OF INDIVIDUAL RESOLUTIONS. AS SECRETARIAT TAKING PAINS TO REMIND US, THIS IMPLIES PROCESS OF PRE-UNIDO-II SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS. LATTER, IN TURN, CALLS FOR NEGOTIATING MECHANISMS AND PROSPECTIVE COSTS--BOTH FOR INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS AND UNIDO. STIBRAVY

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